



Young Adult Service Corps (YASC)

YASC is a program of the Jobs for Montana's Graduates Foundation (JMGF)

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Jobs for Montana's Graduates Foundation



a.k.a JMGF:

JMGF's mission is 'to develop & support programs that help young people stay in school and become productive members of our communities'

JMGF is a non profit organization that works with schools and community based organizations to promote the success of Montana's young adults

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YASC...Montana Serving Montana

CNCS Initiative **Ensuring a Brighter Future for all of Americas Youth**



Engaging Montana's young adults; with & with out disAbilities, age 17-24 in 300 hour terms of volunteer service with AmeriCorps
300 hours = \$1,000 **Education Award**

- *Ed Award is a voucher addressed to the Alumnae that can be redeemed a towards tuition & qualified student loans for up to seven years*
 - *The Ed Award is not a scholarship*
- *YASC members engage in local service, gain transferable work skills and valuable resources for higher education*

Non-Stipended AmeriCorps*State; 21.16 MSY to offer 100 eligible candidates service opportunity with AmeriCorps



Program Model

CNCS Initiative **Engaging Students in Communities**



Volunteer service opportunities in schools & community based organizations; Education Award as service incentive!

Multi- Site: partnerships statewide with schools & community based organizations to deliver local service to diverse populations.

- Site supervisors are teachers, local professionals and experts

- Ability to include youth with DisAbilities in local service

-In 2008-2009; 25% of participants disclosed having a disAbility

Participant development; opportunity for students to be agents of change, increase leadership confidence, & demonstrate commitment to service!

- periodic updates provide resources to students in rural communities for higher education, Campus Corps partnership to foster lifetime of service



YASC Program Objectives & Outcomes



Service Delivery: To address community needs by engaging students and recent high school graduates in meaningful service activities locally; As of 9.30.09, Members contributed over 30,773 hours of service to schools & community based organizations!

Volunteer Recruitment: Each Member is expected to recruit one volunteer to serve 8 hours with them and the volunteer completes a survey about their experience and willingness to volunteer again; As of 9.30.2009, Members recruited 113 volunteers who contributed 5870 hours of volunteer service!

Increase Leadership Confidence: Members complete leadership self assessments and report an increase in leadership confidence due to their service experience; As of 9.30.2009, 77% of Members reported in increase in leadership confidence due to their volunteer service!



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*MT Commission & CNCS Initiative *Mobilizing More Volunteers**

Volunteer Recruitment: Each Member is expected to recruit one volunteer to serve 8 hours with them and the volunteer completes a survey about their experience and willingness to volunteer again.

In 2008-2009, AmeriCorps Members recruited 113 volunteers who contributed 5,870 hours of volunteer service to Montana.

At the minimum wage rate this equates to \$42,557.50!

More than 85% of the recruited volunteers reported a positive experience & more 75% of these said they would volunteer again!



YASC...Montana Serving Across Montana!



- Where and What? Let's see!
- <http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&msa=0&msid=110056992997563519935.00047611c911b967801e3&ll=47.680183,-111.313477&spn=5.214705,9.876709&z=7>



YASCorps Member Development Scholarship



JMGF provides \$2,000 annually to YASCorps Members for
Member Development Scholarships.

The scholarships support professional and personal development opportunities up to \$200.00 per Member. These may include professional conferences, site-specific trainings, personal development workshops, and other service related events.

–Each YASCorps Member is eligible for one scholarship

To be eligible for the Member Development Scholarship, Members must be:

- Enrolled Member current on all program requirements
- Applying for an event that clearly connects to direct service or goals





What our Corps Members have told us

- “I’ve helped to educate on disAbilities issues. The community learns how to integrate people who have disAbilities. We’ve taught that people who have disAbilities are capable of a lot and are contributing citizens of a community” SDITC, Butte, MT
- “We build houses and we get experience for later jobs. I get hands on experience and the outcome is a low income family gets a house” NeighborWorks, Great Falls, MT
- “It’s fun and it shows you how through spending just a few hours a day, you can make a difference in your community.” Family Outreach, Butte, MT
- “It was a good experience. It made me feel good about myself because I had helped others. It also made me see how important volunteering is.” Centerville High School, Sand Coulee, MT



Faces of YASCorps Members~ Butte, MT

DisAbilities Awareness thru theatre & peer mentoring



Getting Things Done.....at the YWCA of Helena



Faces of YASCorps Members ~ Great Falls, MT

Building affordable housing thru school based volunteerism





Thank you!

Questions?



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